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SUBJ: CABINET RESHUFFLE PLANNED

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1. PRIME MINISTER SIRIMAVO BANDARANAIKE RECEIVED APPROVAL OF HER SRI LANKA FREEDOM PARTY SEPT 1 TO CALL FOR RESIGNATION OF THREE CABINET MINISTERS BELONGING TO COALITION PARTNER LANKA SAMA SAMAJA PARTY (LSSP). HER LETTER CALLING FOR THEIR RESIGNATIONS SET DEADLINE OF 4PM SEPT 2 FOR REPLY. IF, AS EXPECTED, LSSP MINISTERS REFUSE TO RESIGN, PRIME MINISTER WILL PRESUMABLY HAVE THEM REMOVED BY PRESIDENT.

2. REPORT IN GOVT-CONTROLLED CEYLON OBSERVER AFTERNOON SEPT 2 IS THAT NEW CABINET WILL BE SWORN IN SEPT 3 AND THAT FORMER LSSP PORTFOLIOS WILL BE GIVEN TO CURRENT CABINET MINISTERS. ACCORDING TO STORY, FELIX DIAS BANDARANAIKE, MINISTER OF JUSTICE, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, LOCAL GOVT, AND HOME AFFAIRS, WILL, IN ADDITION, REPLACE N.M. PERERA AS MINISTER OF FINANCE. HECTOR KOBBEKADUWA, NOW MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE WILL TAKE OVER MINISTRY OF PLANTATION INDUSTRIES VICE

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COLVIN DE SILVA. P.B.G. KALUGALLE, MINISTER OF

SHIPPING AND TOURISM, WILL ALSO ASSUME PORTFOLIO OF
TRANSPORT, REPLACING LESLIE GUNAWARDENA.

3. THERE CONTINUES TO BE NO EVIDENCE THAT LSSP IS
PLANNING ANY RETALIATORY ACTION, SUCH AS LABOR
AGITATION, AGAINST PRIME MINISTER'S CURRENT
EFFORTS TO FORCE IT OUT OF CABINET.
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